

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Minoprio et al. ) Parent Group Art Unit: 1645  
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Divisional of Application No.: 09/725,945 )  
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For: Cloning, Sequencing and )  
Expression of a Gene Encoding )  
an Eukaryotic Amino Acid )  
Racemase, and Diagnostic, )  
Therapeutic, and Vaccination )  
Applications of Parasite and Viral )  
Mitogens )

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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please amend the specification as set forth in this paper.

Amendments to the Substitute Specification are included in this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings are included in the attached drawing sheets.

Amendments to the Claims are included in this paper.

Remarks follow the amendment sections of this paper.